

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2005**

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council Members present were: Chairman Jimmy Kesterson, Mike Kyger, Dave Reagan, Carol Shelby, Garry Smith, Councilmember Ron Fruitt and Commissioner Ruth Shedd. Also present: Deputy Director Tim Batta, Attorney David Luhman, and Secretary Pauline Rohr. (Advisory Council Members Nathan Miller, Dan Marvin, John Withers, and Director Mark Kirby were absent.)

Chairman Kesterson called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith noted the July 12, 2005 Minutes stated he was both present and absent. He said he was absent.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2005 Meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Smith; motion carried.

Chairman Kesterson welcomed Carol Shelby, Director of Public Safety at Purdue University, to the TEMA Advisory Council. The Advisory Council's membership was amended by Ordinance 2005-19-CM on June 20th to add a representative of Purdue University. The Commissioners appointed Ms Shelby to the Advisory Council on July 18th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Deputy Director Tim Batta (Director Kirby is attending training)

- The severe storm that occurred on the evening of Tuesday, July 26th took down power lines and trees throughout the Town of Dayton. After consulting with Director Kirby, the Dayton Town Council and the Town Marshal closed the town to incoming traffic. Chairman Kesterson suggested a review to determine if closing the town was the best course of action. He thought provisions should be made for to allow residents to re-enter if other residents were allowed to stay.
- Martin Webb has been hired as the new part-time Technician funded with grant money.
- An application is in the process for a new Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$500,000 that will be divided among County entities if awarded.
- The replacement trailer for the Coke truck should be delivered in 2-3 weeks.
- Three (3) sirens were struck by lightning and one (1) siren was destroyed by a tree at Ivy Tech during the recent storm. The siren at Ivy Tech is covered by their insurance since they purchased it.
- Three (3) sirens located at McCutcheon High School, Wainwright Middle School, and Old Romney Rd & 300 S didn't activate during the test on Saturday, August 6th due to power failure during the storm. They are now operational.
- Attorney Luhman advised submitting a list of all sirens located in the County to the County's insurance carrier.
- Commissioner Shedd mentioned she had a report that the siren located at Purdue University was activated yesterday. Deputy Director Batta said the siren was not activated by TEMA. Ms Shelby reported that Purdue has the capability to activate the siren but their SOPs say they will activate only by order of TEMA.
- Mr. Smith mentioned that SIA controls their siren. He thinks the sirens should be zoned to allow activation if a problem exists in only a portion of the County. He suggested asking Director Kirby to submit a guest editorial related to what to do when the sirens are activated. Mr. Reagan said TEMA previously distributed a brochure regarding how to react during an emergency. Chairman Kesterson suggested a meeting with the

local media re notification issues. Deputy Director Batta reported they are working on zoning sirens so that one or several can be activated without activating all in the County.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The Budget Summary through July 31, 2005 shows the budget 65% spent through 58% of the year. The Siren Repair line is 99% spent but they are hopeful insurance will pay for the repairs due to the storm.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Mr. Kyger reported they have not met since the 4-H Fair.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Reagan reported they have not met but they will need to meet to set new goals since most of the previous goals have been met.

HAZ-MAT TEAM

- Deputy Director Batta reported no responses in the past 30 days.
- The out-of-the-way location of the equipment at the 4-H Fair prevented many attendees from viewing it. Commissioner Shedd suggest scheduling a day at the Fairgrounds to show off TEMA's equipment and invite other entities to participate. Deputy Director Batta recalled that TEMA formerly displayed the equipment at a "Public Safety Day" at Wal-Mart that was well attended.
- Chairman Kesterson said TEMA needs to take the lead in helping schools devise a plan for emergencies. Deputy Director Batta said the K-2 Fire Show held at Jefferson High School has been very well received. Chairman Kesterson suggested coordinating a demonstration with all emergency groups.

VOLUNTEER FUND

Chairman Kesterson requested a report on the status of the Volunteer Fund at the September meeting. Mr. Kyger asked for a copy of the job description for the new Technician position.

"KIT" SYSTEM

- Mr. Smith reported he requested an operations manual from the "KIT" System programmer but has received no response. Former Deputy Director Bill Huffer, who has some knowledge of the system, volunteered to help him get it operational.
- The Chamber of Commerce is printing labels of members of their organization.
- A list of day care centers is being compiled.
- Fairfield Township previously offered to help input new information.

2006 BUDGET

The 2006 Budget was submitted but no discussion was held by the Advisory Council. Attorney Luhman suggested putting the 2007 Budget on the June Agenda so discussion can be held prior to its submission.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reagan questioned the news report stating that the Area Plan Commission needs an Emergency Services Plan. Ms Shelby responded she is a member of the team responsible for developing a FEMA mandated All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The team, headed by Area Plan, is made up of representatives from all the townships, Purdue University representatives, and Director Kirby. They are assessing all kinds of weather disasters such as tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, as well as dam failures. Although we are a year behind in preparing our plan, we will not be eligible for low interest loans or grants for flood relief if we don't submit a plan. She said it will encompass more than just TEMA's Plan.

Commissioner Shedd commented that the Commissioners appointed Area Plan to head the team to develop the All Hazards Mitigation Plan required by FEMA because it was not proceeding toward completion. Christopher Burke is the consulting firm contracted to work with the team to develop the plan.

Ms Shelby announced that Purdue University just graduated its first class of fire fighters from the Basic Firefighters mandatory course required by the State. She said the State Director of Homeland Security asked Purdue to put on a class of basic fire fighting techniques for new fire fighters. Thirty three (33) students attended 40 hours of classes over two (2) week-ends. If they pass the test, graduates will be qualified to perform as firefighters. Paid fire fighters as well as volunteer fire fighters from across the State attended.

Chairman Kesterson asked Ms Shelby to share her background with the Advisory Council. As an employee of Purdue University for the past fourteen (14) years, Ms Shelby said she serves as the Senior Director of Environmental Health and Public Safety. As such, she oversees Purdue Police (38 officers), Purdue Fire Fighters and Paramedics (29), the Environmental Group (45), Parking (13), and Fire Protection and Engineering Services. Ms Shelby is the current Chair of the Tippecanoe County LEPC. She thinks serving on the TEMA Advisory Council will be an opportunity for Purdue to partner with TEMA.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the TEMA Advisory Council will be held at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms Shelby; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor